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RESPONSE

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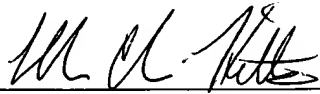
Sir:

In the Office Action dated July 25, 2006, claims 49-51 and 60-65, in the above-identified U.S. patent application were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1 and 3-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,903,071. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the attached terminal disclaimer. In view of the terminal disclaimer, applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of claims 49-51 and 60-65 are now in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the telephone number below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such an extension together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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